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SUBJ: AUSTRALIAN RELATIONS WITH NORTH KOREA

1. AUSTRALIANS PLANNING TO OPEN POST IN PYONGYANG APRIL OR MAY OF 1975. THERE WILL BE FIVE IN RESIDENT STAFF, INCLUDING CHARGE, SECOND SECRETARY, ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, AND CLERICAL/ COMMUNICATIONS PERSONNEL. AMBASSADOR WILL NOT BE RESIDENT.

2. ADRIAN BUZO, AUSTRALIAN FSO FORMERLY STATIONED EMBASSY SEOUL, PROVIDED THESE DETAILS TO EMBOFF DURING CALL ON WAY HOME TO CANBERRA VIA TOKYO. BUZO, A YOUNG KOREAN LANGUAGE AND AREA SPECIALIST, IS SLATED TO BECOME THE RESIDENT SECOND SECRETARY IN PYONGYANG (IF THE NORTH KOREANS WILL ACCEPT HIM FREST FROM ASSIGNMENT IN SEOUL) AND PLANS TO SPEND THE INTERVENING MONTHS IN CANBERRA PREPARING FOR NEW POST.

3. NORTH KOREANS HAVE BEEN ISSUED EIGHT VISAS FOR ADVANCE TEAM TRAVEL TO CANBERRA TO CONDUCT PRELIMINARY SURVEYS SIMILAR TO THOSE DONE BY AUSTRALIANS IN PYONGYANG
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THIS OCTOBER. THERE ARE NO HIGH LEVEL DIPLOMATS

IN GROUP. ALL EIGHT APPEAR TO BE TECHNICIANS OF
ONE SORT OR ANOTHER. SO FAR PYONGYANG HAS GIVEN NO
INDICATION AS TO WHEN TEAM MIGHT ARRIVE CANBERRA.
BUZO EXPECTS, ONLY HALF FACETIOUSLY, THAT THEY
WILL DESCEND SUDDENLY UPON AUSTRALIA (AND HIM) CHRISTMAS OR
NEW YEARS EVE.
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